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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 is the patent application of:

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FOR: Float For Liquid Waste Disposal Apparatus

Enclosed	d are:					
<u>X</u>	Thirteen (13) Sheets of drawings.					
	An Assignment of the invention to: Gunma Koike Co., Ltd. & Koike Medical Co., Ltd.					
	A certified copy of the Japanese priority application No. 2000-4383 filed January 13, 200					
	An associate power of attorney.					
X	These entities qualify for small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.9 and 1.27.					

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